GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

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MODERNISATION OF SAIL
SHIVAJI MANE

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have recently constituted a high powered Committee to look into the reasons for cost and time over-runs in modernisation of SAIL which is running over 5000 crores more than the projected cost; and

(b) if so, the terms and reference of the committee?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) The Government has set up an Enquiry Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri J.S. Baijal, former Secretary in the Planning Commission, Government of India.

(b) The terms of reference of the Committee inter-alia include looking into the reasons for cost and time overruns in the implementation of RSP and DSP modernisation projects, evaluation of the equipments purchased and also seek to fix responsibility for any lapses or any other improper act of commission/omission. The Committee has also been asked to examine the present performance of the plant vis-a-vis the envisaged performance and report reasons for any variance and suggest remedial steps. The Committee will also examine the expected time frame during which these plants are expected to start making cash profits.